Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government do not consider the restriction, if any, such as would retard or affect the work of the Committee.

247. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to modify its order so as to have (i) the sittings of the Committee open to the public, (ii) to authorise the Committee to examine officials other than Heads of Departments, if the Committee decides it necessary, and(iii) to remove restrictions on non-official evidence?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question is under consideration.

248. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.— Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons that induced them to appoint to the Special Finance Committee, apart from the members of the Standing Finance Committee, only elected Members of the Council belonging to one community in the State?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The question of communal considerations was never thought of by the Government when the selection of members was made.

249. Mr. Poulo Mampilli. — Will the Government be pleased to state whether the major communities in the State were denied real representation on the Committee, because they were found undeserving of such consideration or the Government could not get gentlemen belonging to those communities who in the opinion of the Government would have graced the Committee by their presence?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar. — Vide answer to question No. 248.

250. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.— Will the Government be pleased to state the special qualifications to the non-official members of the Special Finance Committee to be members thereof?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Nothing special except that they are, in the opinion of the Government, qualified to be members.

The supply of medicines.

251. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table—

(a) P. No. 145/00, dated 4th November 1924, L. M. D. with the endorsement thereon;

(b) the order of the Government on P. No. 214/99, dated 17th November 1924;

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